

## **James Edwin Johnson**

### **1850-1950 Centennial Biography**

James Edwin Johnson was born in Provo, Utah, May 20, 1881, son of Nels and Josephine Johnson. He was one of nine children. His father was a prominent contractor and bishop; his grandfather was John Peter Johnson, first Bishop of Provo. His mother was converted to the Latter-day Saints Church in Norway. He was educated in Provo schools and attended Brigham Young University.

In 1900, he served a two year mission to the Southern States for the Latter-Day Saint Church.

On August 20, 1906, he married Marion Jones of Lehi. They had five sons, Norman E., Alton B., William D., Herbert N., and Harold T. Johnson. Norman died June 20, 1942.

As a young man, Mr. Johnson worked as a contractor. He worked on the roadbed for the Western Pacific Railroad from Salt Lake to Elko, Nevada. He was one of the contractors on the Strawberry Reservoir.

In 1918, the family moved to Idaho to go into the ranching business. They moved to Lehi in 1924, where he was engaged primarily in poultry raising.

Ed Johnson served on the City Council for six years, he was superintendent of Utilities for Lehi City for two years; Old Folks Committee for fifteen years, Fourth Ward Missionary Committee for twelve years; Fourth Ward Building Committee and Rodeo Committee. He was also Lehi Chairman for the Republican Party for four years.

He died August 6, 1949 at the age of 68. He has four sons living and seven grandchildren.

